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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE COUNCIL, CIA

SUBJECT: Intelligence Community Product on Nicaragua (U)

1. (S/NOFORN) The Joint Chiefs of Staff recently met with General Galvin, USCINCSO, regarding Central America. During their discussions, Nicaragua's potential actions following the upcoming rainy season were highlighted as being of particular concern. It was concluded that the advent of the dry season, which will begin around November, could be a critical period for stability in the region. In order to provide policymakers with the best possible advice and information, the Joint Chiefs believe an Interagency assessment of likely Nicaraguan actions during the dry season is needed by early-July.

2. (S/NOFORN) DIA endorses this position and requests that an Intelligence Community product be done on the topic. The Joint Chiefs specifically mentioned a "fast-track" Special National Intelligence Estimate as the vehicle for this assessment. Should this be considered inappropriate, other document formats--such as an Interagency Intelligence Assessment or Interagency Intelligence Memorandum--would be acceptable provided it is a Community-agreed assessment.

3. (U) Considering the largely military nature of such an assessment, DIA is prepared to assume Principal Drafting responsibilities with inputs from other Community members, as needed. We would appreciate your response to this request by 12 June. If DIA is designated as the drafting agency, Mr. Christopher McMullen will be the Principal Drafter.

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